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ITEM NO: 5 DATE: 21 JAN 79
SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAM--COLD WEATHER AND CROPS

NORTH VIETNAM IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN STRUCK BY DROUGHT AND COLD WEATHER THAT HAVE CAUSED LIVESTOCK LOSSES AND DAMAGE TO SPRING RICE SEEDLINGS AND SUBSIDIARY CROPS. ALTHOUGH SOME DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE STILL HAVE TIME TO TAKE ACTIONS TO AVOID SIGNIFICANT CROP LOSSES.

AT THIS EARLY STAGE IN THE GROWING SEASON FOR SPRING RICE, 4DAMAGED SEEDLINGS CAN STILL BE REPLACED. SOWING HAS ESSENTIALLY 3BEEN COMPLETED AND TRANSPLANTING OF THE SEEDLINGS HAS EVEN BEGUN 2IN SOME AREAS.

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MUNICIPALITIES AND PROVINCES REGARDING WATER MANAGEMENT AND CARE OF SEEDLINGS TO MINIMIZE ANY ADDITIONAL CROP LOSSES. CADRE WERE ALSO ADVISED TO INSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF SEEDS TO REPLACE DAMAGED SEEDLINGS. THE ROUGHLY 110-120 DAY GROWING SEASON FOR THE NEW STRAINS OF MIRACLE RICE AND THE ROUGHLY 150 DAY SEASON FOR THE TRADITIONAL STRAINS SHOULD PERMIT REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED SEEDS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH WITHOUT CAUSING ANY SIGNIFICANT LOSSES TO THE HARVEST IN MAY AND JUNE.

THE SPRING RICE CROP IS THE SMALLER OF NORTH VIETNAM'S TWO MAJOR HARVESTS, PROVIDING ABOUT TWO-FIFTHS OF THE COUNTRY'S ANNUAL OUTPUT.

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